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In re Application of
Segal et al.
Application No. 10/614,807
Filed: July 9, 2003
Attorney Docket Number: H0004116-US

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 6, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

This above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply to the non-final Office Action of September 27, 2006. The non-final Office Action set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. No extensions of time were obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a). Accordingly, this application became abandoned on December 28, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 20, 2007.

The statement of unintentional delay presented in the petition does not comply with the current rule. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) a statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional" is required. However, the statement presented will be accepted and construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3). Petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

This petition is hereby **Granted**.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that

the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

There is no indication that the person signing the present petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition. However, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

The office hereby acknowledges the receipt of the amendment submitted with the instant petition.

This application is being referred to Art Unit 1742 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

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